

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2006-36-S - ORDER NO. 2006-97  
FEBRUARY 15, 2006

IN RE: Application of Midlands Utility, Inc. for	) ORDER GRANTING
Extension of Sanitary Sewer Service Area to	) TIME FOR
Include Empire Estates Phase III	) INVESTIGATION

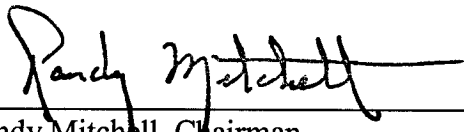
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission on the request of the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) for a period of ninety (90) days to investigate the Application of Midlands Utility, Inc. (Midlands or the Company) for extension of its service area to include Empire Estates Phase III. ORS also opposes Midlands' request that the Commission's notice requirements be waived and asserts that notice is required pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-504.

We agree with ORS that the Company should provide a Notice in this matter, pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Docketing Department. We believe that 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-504 requires a notice in this case.

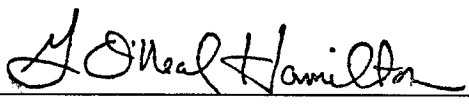
Further, we hold that ORS shall be allowed until March 22, 2006 (14 days after the close of the intervention period) to investigate and make a recommendation to this Commission concerning disposition of this matter. ORS provided no information supporting its request for a 90-day investigation period.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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